

WASHINGTON.

Testimony Taken by the
Marsh Commission
Yesterday.The Professor's Story Mostly
of the Hearsay Order.A Beef-Contractor Denies the
Reports Alleging Frauds in
Contracts.An Empty Experimental Lightning
Train Dashes Missis-
sippward.The Chicago Custom-House Com-
mission Will Deliberate
in Philadelphia.

THE MARSH COMMISSION.

TESTIMONY TAKEN YESTERDAY.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 13.—The Marsh commission

has today taken the testimony of

Prof. Marsh, who was the only

witness to the explosion of the

train at the Custom-House

yesterday. The professor's

testimony was mostly of the

hearsay order. He said that

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FOREIGN.

The Turks Defeated in Re-
cent Encounters in
Herzegovina.A Serbian Circular Enjoining
Neutrality upon the
People.The Insurgents Again Lay Siege
to the City of Trebigne.Destructive Floods Devastate
the South of France.Fifty Houses and Many Lives Destroyed
by a Water-Spout.Eleven Persons Suffocated by Gas
in an English Colliery.

TURKEY.

SERBIAN NEUTRALITY.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—A special from Vienna

says: "The Serbian Ministry have issued a cir-
cular to the chiefs of the military districts say-
ing: 'We are living on the best terms with the
Porte. We therefore order that you prevent this
good understanding from being disturbed, either
by permitting volunteers to join the insur-
gents, or by the transportation of arms, ammu-
nition, or provisions.'"

LONDON, Sept. 13.—The Skupstina has

elected Committees of War, Finance, and on

Constitution. The members of these Commit-
tees are mostly radicals, and include three com-
munists. The Great Powers have expressed to Serbia
their satisfaction with the tone of Prince Milos's
speech. The address in reply will probably be
debated in the Skupstina on the 17th.

TURKISH DEFEATS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 13.—Serious fighting

occurred on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

last, in which the Turks were defeated. This

has resulted in the renewal of the siege of

Trebigne by insurgents.

BUDAPEST, Sept. 13.—On account of the

floods, the frontier between the Servian Govern-
ment and the Hungarian Government has been

ordered to be closed for a few days. The

military authorities have ordered the

militia to be put on a state of readiness.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—The fast mail train

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MISSISSIPPI.

Cold-Blooded Slaughter of Negroes At-
ter the Clinton Affray.Panic-Stricken Condition of the
Colored People.Business at a Stand-Still, and Crops in
Danger of Going to Waste.

REMOVAL OF WAR.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 13.—Passengers by the

train from Grenada report serious trouble in

Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, some 10 miles

west of Charleston. The whites there sent

runners to Oakland for assistance, and citizens

there are at Grenada were organizing and arming

to go there. No definite information of the

nature of the trouble has been received, and owing

to the distance from the telegraph office it is im-

possible to obtain a reliable or detailed report.

A gentleman who arrived from Charleston,

Miss., this evening, gives the following account

of the trouble: "Last Thursday two negroes,

who it is claimed, live in Arkansas, registered

as voters in Franklin's store, and were there

when their arrest was issued and given to a constable,

who took a posse with him. As they reached

the place where the negroes were staying the

negroes were arrested and taken to the jail at

Burlington. The negroes in the vicinity of Tre-

nton, hearing of the affair, in the meantime, in a

riotous manner. County Treasurer Stewart,

who is also a Deputy Sheriff, assured them

that they were not to be afraid, and that he

would protect them. He then went to the jail

and secured the negroes, and then he went to

the place where the negroes were staying and

demanded that they should be taken to the jail

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